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WASHINGTON BUDGET

Congress to Railroad Legislation Through

WILL BE BUSY SESSION

Republican Opposition to the Ship Subsidy Deal Predicted.

Washington, November 24.—Speed will be the ruling idea in the House of Representatives this winter and the right of the minority to discuss the measures on which the House is to pass will be sharply curtailed in the process. Not that it makes much difference, however, for the House, as organized by the Republicans, is about as perfect a machine for registering the ideas of half a dozen leaders as could well be devised. Hence, there is every promise that in the three weeks before the holidays the House will dispose of a vast amount of legislation. All the chairmen of important committees arriving in town announce their plans to have the notable measures of the session prepared either as soon as Congress meets or within a few days thereafter, and in all probability as soon as the President's message has been read, the House will settle to hard and continuous work. Last year the Republicans were proud of passing the gold standard bill and one or two appropriation bills before the holiday recess. This year the bill for the reduction of the war revenues taxes, the bill for the reorganization of the army, the river and harbor appropriation bill, the oleomargarine bill, the Indian appropriation bill and some of the appropriation bills will probably be before the House not later than the beginning of the second week of the session. It need not be surprising if most of these measures have been sent to the Senate before the holidays. With the closure rules in force it will be entirely feasible for the house to dispose of all these bills in two or three weeks, and thus clear the decks for the eight or ten large appropriation bills that would remain to be disposed of in January and the first half of February.

There will, it seems, be some opposition to the ship subsidy deal on the Republican side, but probably not enough to enable the Democrats to side track it. Representative Burton, head of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, who is the Representative from Senator Hanna's home city, has declared himself against it, saying that he does not believe that it can be passed, but he stands entirely alone so far in expressing this opinion. The provisions of the bill are, of course, scandalous. If adopted, it will be adopted in the teeth of the report of the Republican Commissioner of Navigation, who, curiously enough, is in favor of the bill, although his report contains in every line facts that prove the prosperity of American shipbuilding and disprove the necessity for the bill. He says, for instance, that for the first time since the civil war the documented tonnage of the United States exceeds 5,000,000 gross tons. On June 30, 1900, American documented tonnage comprised 23,333 vessels of 5,164,839 tons, an increase of 300,000 tons over the previous fiscal year. British shipping now amounts to only 14,301,000 gross tons, and the tonnage of American shipping is thus about one-third of that of the great British Empire with its far-reaching colonies and its splendid sea-going traditions. The exports of the United States, for whose carrying subsidies to American ships are so loudly demanded, require only about one-fifth of the world's tonnage, while British imports require a far greater amount. Finally on August 15, 1900, 68 merchant steel steam vessels, aggregating 278,000 tons, and 47 naval vessels, 113,000 tons displacement, were building or contracted for. This work taxes the ship yards to their utmost, and many other vessels will be begun as soon as there is room for them on the docks. Nevertheless, the Commissioner clamors for "encouragement" for the ship-builders.

Senator Davis, of Minnesota, will be sadly missed in the coming session, where his sturdy Americanism would probably have routed the attempt of our Anglomaniac Secretary of State to commit the United States to British domination of the Nicaraguan Canal. As will be recalled, the Hay-Pauncefote Convention is modeled on that for the con-

struction of the Suez Canal, which contains a clause especially providing that the Sultan can take such steps for the defense of the canal as he may consider that the safety of his dominions requires. This clause alone, out of all the rest, was omitted in the Hay-Pauncefote convention and in its place was substituted another expressly prohibiting the United States from fortifying the canal. That is to say, the treaty proposes that the United States should build the canal and leave it free and unprotected to be seized by the overwhelming might of Britain's navy if trouble should ever arise between the two nations. Senator Davis discovered this fact and reported to the Senate an amendment putting the "defense" clause omitted by Mr. Hay back into the treaty. His advocacy of this will be sadly missed when the instrument is taken up this winter.

Commander Lucien Young, who has charge of the work of removing the wreck of the Maine from Havana harbor has issued a circular asking bids for the work, to be opened at Havana at 12 o'clock noon on December 15, 1900. The use of explosives will be prohibited, and all material pertaining to the wreck and all accessories for the removal of the same must be removed from the harbor by April 1, 1901. Specifications and all available information will be furnished upon application to Commander Young. A certified check for \$1,000 will be required to accompany each proposal as a guarantee of good faith, to be returned to the unsuccessful bidders upon the award of the contract. The successful bidder must give bond for \$10,000 for faithful compliance with the terms of the contract. It is Captain Sigsbee's idea that a coffer-dam might be constructed around the wreck, thus affording easy means of removing it without much work on the part of the divers and without employing explosives. The removal of the wreck is awaited with the keenest interest for the promise it affords of settling beyond dispute the cause of the disaster.

Meeting of Building and Loan.

The Board of Directors of the Building and Loan Association met last Friday afternoon at the office of the Treasurer, Mr. Geo. W. Saxon. Several matters of importance were transacted especially looking to the closing up of the present series. The treasurer announced that all active shares in the Association could be brought to maturity by the payment of \$17.81 per share. There was a general disposition to close out this series at once, by paying that amount into the Association, and to open a new series immediately. In discussing the question of opening a new series, Mr. Saxon said that he thought the present a most opportune time for doing so as there had been numerous inquiries, as to when one would be started. He thought that we had every reason to be encouraged over the further outlook of Tallahassee. That the railroad to Bainbridge was practically assured and would be running before the end of next year. He spoke in every way most encouragingly of our future prospects.

After some further discussion, the treasurer was ordered by the directors to open the books for subscribers to a new series. The number of the shares of any series is limited by the constitution to six hundred shares. The treasurer as directed opened his books for subscribers on Monday, and a large number of shares were subscribed on the first day.

This Building and Loan Association has been in the past a great benefit to Tallahassee and has enabled a large number of men, on small salaries, to build comfortable homes for themselves, which they could not have otherwise done.

It is thought that the whole number of shares will be taken in a very short time, and all who are contemplating subscribing should be prompt in making their application.

Aiden Benedict's "Quo Vadis."

"Quo Vadis," is a historical play. It will be produced at Munro's opera house on Dec. 3. Its incidents are based upon facts connected with the infancy of Christianity. Working upon this theme Henry H. Sienkiewicz wrote the greatest work of the nineteenth century, a book of great research and of greatest poetic divination. Utilizing the material, Chas. W. Chase, the dramatist, has written a play of such strong religious motive and with such intense dramatic situation, purity of thought, beauty of sentiment and general ex-

Business League Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Young Men's Business League on Friday Evening, 7:30 o'clock, at the City Hall. Every member and citizen is invited to attend, as business of importance to the city will be transacted.

J. R. COHEN, President.

excellence throughout, that many who have seen it say, that like the book, it will live forever. It tells of the sufferings and of the trials of the early martyrs, it shows us Rome in the days of Nero, when profligacy and crime were the ruling passions, it shows us Peter the Apostle, aged, simple and venerable who went to Rome and scattered the seeds of truth, which changed the entire destiny of the world. It is strange that the history taught in our schools does not tell us more of this most important event in the history of the world. "Quo Vadis" tells it graphically in varied speech and action and all who have not read the book should see the play, while there are few who have read the book who will miss the opportunity of witnessing Sienkiewicz's immortal characters endowed with life and moving and talking before them. Mr. Aiden Benedict has provided a strong and capable company, beautiful scenery and costumes and promises us one of the best entertainments we have witnessed in many years.

The Circuit Court in Session.

The fall term of the Circuit Court was opened here Monday, November 26, Judge John W. Malone presiding. Besides District Attorney Geo. W. Walker, the following attorneys were present, having business before the court: W. H. Ellis and Judge P. W. White, of Quincy; R. Don McLeod, of Crawfordville; C. W. Stevens, of Tampa; R. H. Buford, of Wewahatcha; J. M. Gorton, of Mayo; E. M. Hopkins, J. W. Henderson, J. A. Edmondson, G. B. Perkins, W. C. Hodges and R. W. Williams, Jr., of Tallahassee. The grand jury, as empaneled and organized, is as follows: W. T. Moore, foreman; Robt. Gray, secretary; J. E. Whitehead, J. J. Richards, W. E. Gray, F. C.

Wilkes, N. S. Johnson, Edward Gray, T. F. Moore, W. B. Landrum, J. S. Fleming, W. C. Allen, J. B. Geddie, J. D. Stoutamire, T. J. Geddie, Frank Williams, W. O. Gerrell and John Maige. The Judge delivered his usual impressive charge, which was listened to with the closest attention and respect, when they retired to their room.

There were eighteen prisoners in jail, two of whom are charged with murder, besides a good many other persons out on bond awaiting the action of the grand jury.

The court excused H. G. Lewis, J. H. Williams, W. T. Oldenburg, H. P. Woodbury, D. R. Johnson and J. D. Miller jurors from further attendance on the court and issued a fire facias to the Sheriff to draw four qualified jurors to serve on the petit jury. The criminal docket was sounded and passed over temporarily—waiting on the grand jury. The following is the petit jurors now in attendance on the court: F. E. Craig, N. M. Isler, B. R. Chambers, C. D. Johnson, W. B. Joiner, J. P. Baum, T. J. Hutto, J. M. Powell, Jno. Stewart, F. S. Henry, Griffin Wilson, S. B. Hartsfield. The following cases were disposed of up to the adjournment of the court over Thanksgiving:

State of Florida vs. Patterson McBride et al., continued.

State of Florida vs. Jno. Wesley and Mose Nixon, sent back to Justice J. P. Smith for trial under laws 1899, being improperly sent to grand jury.

State of Florida vs. Joe Donaldson, breaking and entering, convicted.

State of Florida vs. Revy Jones and Sallie Carn, larceny, convicted.

State of Florida vs. Rosa Bell

Official Complete Returns of Primary Vote on Capital Removal and Constitutional Convention.

	CAPITAL REMOVAL.				CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.	
	Jax.	Ocala.	St. Aug.	Talla.	For.	Agst.
Alachua	184	180	146	917	147	857
Baker	248	2	5	58	91	48
Bradford	601	28	74	274	109	387
Brevard	293	14	121	125	77	318
Calhoun	3	1	8	330	13	261
Citrus	21	387	2	30	138	215
Clay	300	1	41	65	78	155
Columbia	230	63	38	450	47	557
De Soto	149	143	59	228	94	296
Dade	323	73	339	138	230	214
Duval	2,047*	10	19	91	538	570
Escambia	268	17	22	1,316	373	653
Franklin	2	...	...	279	10	158
Gadsden	5	...	2	717	5	707
Hamilton	50	16	12	312	16	275
Hernando	36	118	13	112	38	126
Hillsborough	357	787	114	1,062	433	831
Holmes	143	...	3	376	55	311
Jackson	9	1	5	1,218	414	1,084
Jefferson	6	5	6	657	...	...
Lafayette	49	2	9	338	...	283
Lake	129	301	13	97	78	281
Liberty	3	...	1	169	11	114
Lee	20	167	16	162	32	174
Leon	...	...	...	929	14	916
Levy	67	116	2	288	25	329
Madison	22	1	1	584	38	514
Manatee	31	305	20	233	14	367
Marion	16	1,241	5	111	191	708
Monroe	205	4	98	118	32	127
Nassau	208	7	13	271	51	202
Orange	389	71	181	409	151	363
Osceola	114	23	35	179	45	102
Pasco	143	211	49	181	59	224
Putnam	210	132	196	254	51	386
Polk	101	120	27	837	94	755
Santa Rosa	45	2	4	523	34	280
St. Johns	41	4	908	36	117	282
Sumter	74	286	...	20	15	215
Suwannee	70	7	95	634	37	658
Taylor	1	1	1	315	2	326
Volusia	118	50	167	146	117	351
Wakulla	3	...	1	314	10	279
Walton	25	19	6	391	23	282
Washington	16	1	4	498	15	347
Totals	7,675	4,917	2,881	16,742	4,199	16,887

*Times-Union and Citizen on Nov. 12, in a tabulated statement gave official vote of Duval county for Jacksonville, with all precincts in, at 1,847 and not as above at 2,047—

Tallahassee has a majority of 1,269 throughout the State, west of the Suwannee a majority of 8,004, and east of the Suwannee a plurality of 1,902.

Jenkins, aggravated assault, convicted.

State of Florida vs. Henry Arnold, breaking and entering, convicted.

State of Florida vs. Stafford Reese and Chas. Thurman, stealing cattle, convicted.

The grand jury did not find a true bill in the case of State of Florida vs. John H. Williams, charged with assault with intent to murder.

The court was adjourned Wednesday afternoon until Friday at 9 a. m., because of Thanksgiving Day.

Seminary Notes.

At a meeting of the student-body of the West Florida Seminary held Monday afternoon it was decided that the Seminary should issue an Annual for the school year 1900-'01. The book will contain about 250 pages, and in it will be a history of the school, of the Debating Society and of the classes, also pictures of the Faculty, Debating Society, Athletic Team, orators and medalists of the year. In all, it will be a handsome book and an excellent souvenir of the school year.

At the meeting of the student-body Monday afternoon the following editorial staff was selected: Editor-in-Chief, Asa B. Clark; Business Manager, W. B. Crawford; Literary Editor, Bessie M. Saxon; Athletic Editor, W. Munroe McIntosh; Associate Editors, Mary Shutan, May D. Lewis, W. B. Long, F. A. Hathaway and Paul Carter.

The officers of the Platonic Debating Society and West Florida Seminary Oratorical Association have invited the following gentlemen, and they have accepted, to take a drive with them on the afternoon of inauguration day, the 8th of January: Governor-elect William S. Jennings, Governor William D. Bloxham, Hon. William Jennings Bryan and Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson.

Died.

Sunday afternoon Mrs. Sarah J. Cunningham, the mother of Mrs. Robert Cammerman, at their home near the city, on the St. Augustine road.

The deceased was an old resident of Leon county having moved here from South Carolina. She was about 70 years of age, and was much respected, and beloved by a large circle of friends in the northern part of the county, her former home. She was buried Monday afternoon at 1amonia. Rev. Mr. McCarty, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Tallahassee, officiating.

Ladies Aid Society Bazar.

The Christmas Bazar of the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, to take place Friday, Dec. 7, will possess some novel features this year—the leading one being a Rug Sale. These rugs represent the summer work of the ladies and are novel and beautiful. The usual tasteful display of fancy work suitable for Christmas gifts and the usual delicious viands always served at this bazar will suit the most fastidious. Orders for Christmas cakes will be received and filled. Black and white fruit cakes a specialty. These orders may also be left with Mrs. Edward Gamble, President. Phone 77.

Beginning next Saturday, the first day of December, a regular passenger train will be run over the Tallahassee Southeastern Railroad on Tuesday's, Thursday's and Saturday's of each week. The train will leave Wacissa at 8 o'clock a. m. in charge of Conductor Thomas formerly with the F. C. & P. system before it was merged into the S. A. I., and will reach the Bel Air Crossing at 9:15. At this point, for the present, backs will meet the train to convey passengers to town at a reasonable rate. They will also meet train at same place returning, at 4 o'clock p. m. Work is progressing on this road, and it is semi-officially stated that trains will be running into Perry by the first of February.

New Series Started.

At the last meeting of the Tallahassee Building and Loan Association it was ordered that books be opened for subscriptions to a new series of stock. This order has been complied with and stock may be had by applying to G. W. Saxon, president of the Capital City Bank, who will also be glad to furnish any information desired about same.

Soldiers Apply for Discharge. Sergeant G. P. Allen, Corporal R. F. Webb, Privates D. N. Tousey, C. E. Molyer, A. N. Goodwyn, of Battery A. Light Artillery, Jacksonville, have applied to Adjutant-General Houston for discharges.

John Johnson, convicted for selling liquor without a license, fined \$20.

Arthur Dent, convicted for same offense, fined \$100 or three months in jail.

Woodmen Meeting. The Woodmen of the World have postponed their regular meeting until Wednesday evening, December 5th. This will be the most important meeting of the year, and all sovereigns are requested to attend.

J. M. Gorton, of Mayo, was in the city this week attending our Circuit Court.

HAPPY LITTLE TOTS

Enjoy Thanksgiving Eve Entertainment

AT KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL

A Feast Follows the Regular Programme.

The writer visited the Misses Child's kindergarten a few days since, and found in the exercises through which the surprisingly large class of young children in attendance are carried, one of the most interesting and pleasing sights to be witnessed in the city. The instructive drills and marches, to music furnished by Mrs. E. K. Hollinger, seemed to delight the little ones as much as it interested the spectator. The calisthenic exercises and the very valuable object-lesson instruction, besides the numerous other features of this training, which must be seen to be appreciated, furnish a striking illustration of the development made in the elementary training of children in recent years.

The ladies who conduct the school seem to have imparted to the little children interested to their care the liveliest interest in the exercises. The children appear to regard their work as a pleasure, not a task. The benefit they are thus deriving makes itself apparent after a few minutes observation in the school-room. A cordial invitation is extended to those Tallahasseeans who are interested in this work to call and witness the exercises and school day during the forenoon.

Yesterday the little children attending this kindergarten school had a Thanksgiving Day Celebration, that was truly a most beautiful sight to all present. The rooms were prettily decorated with flowers, evergreens and autumn leaves, which, together with the bright and happy faces of the little ones as they went through their various exercises, made a most charming entertainment. The children, none of whom were over five years of age, had recitations, songs and marching, all of which were well rendered by the little tots and showed the infinite patience and care that had been exercised by their teachers in training them.

After marching round the room, which they did with their little chairs on their heads, they went into the adjoining rooms where their lunch was served on low tables. At the tap of a bell, all the chairs came to the floor in unison, as precise as a little military company in drill. Before sitting down, the children sang a Thanksgiving carol, standing behind their chairs, then all sat down and sang a little hymn of blessing. One unique feature of the entertainment was a small log cabin in the corner of the room, representing the homes that the Pilgrim Fathers occupied on first coming to this country; at the door of the cabin sat a watch-dog and also a lighted lantern made of a pumpkin. The whole entertainment was most novel and interesting.

Tallahassee Southeastern.

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